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SAHS Uses Unique Alternative Therapy On Shelter Pet



San Antonio, TX (June 18, 2014) – At the SAHS, our Chief Veterinarian and staff are often faced with this question: What can we do to better the quality of life for this shelter pet? Whether it's an amputation, eye removal or reconstructive surgery, these are options that are often necessary. However, more recently our Chief Veterinarian, Dr. Bridgeman, has taken a unique approach that is making a comeback in the field of human and animal medicine; applying honey on the shelter pet's wound as an alternative therapy. The honey has anti-bacterial properties and stimulates the body's defenses, therefore, it has been used as a topical ointment. Of course this form of treatment should only be utilized by a veterinarian.

Recently, Sugar, a 1 year old Terrier mix was found as a stray and brought to the SAHS by a good samaritan. When she arrived, she was extremely thin, scared and had wounds on her mouth and front paw that needed attention. After Dr. Bridgeman evaluated Sugar, she decided to administer honey on her wounds as a form of therapy. Sugar's front paw was wrapped and monitored throughout the next week or so and we were thrilled to see how quickly her wounds were healing. Sweet Sugar has made a full recovery, can sit on command and loves running and playing with her favorite doggy pals! She is now available for adoption and is hoping to find her forever family soon!

If you'd like to help others like Sugar, visit SAhumane.org/donate.

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SAHS Info: *The San Antonio Humane Society is a non-profit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. We are not affiliated with the Humane Society of the United States or the ASPCA. Every year, the San Antonio Humane Society shelters, medically treats, and rehabilitates approximately 5,000 animals that have been injured, abused, or abandoned until they are ready for adoption. Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education.*